

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 1509

BACKGROUND:

Currently under Section 15.104, Water Code, the Texas Water Development Board cannot release funds to a political subdivision which has been approved for financial assistance until the Texas Water Commission has certified that the political subdivision has the needed rights to use the surface or groundwater the project will provide. In order to streamline the loan-closing process, it is necessary to eliminate this requirement for Commission certification of those water rights while still maintaining the substantive requirement of assuring that the loan recipient has the needed water rights before release of funds.

PURPOSE:

As proposed, H.B. 1509, would require the Texas Water Development Board to issue findings regarding water rights prior to issuance of funds.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS:

SECTION 1. Amends Section 15.104, Water Code, to provide the executive administrator must make a written finding regarding water rights before delivery of funds.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 17.123, Water Code, to provide the executive administrator must make a written finding regarding water rights before delivery of funds.

SECTION 3. Emergency Clause.
Effective date. Upon passage.

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